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SUBJECT: DUAL ROLE FOR ACCOUNTING TECHNICIAN MASERU

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1. Post requests continuing authorization for our Accounting Technician to maintain both obligation entry (role 2) and voucher entry (role 3). The assignment of these roles is due to our limited staffing of only three financial employees. Since last year's review, post has added an alternate Certifying Officer, Karla Brown. This information is reflected in the spreadsheet per reftel.

2. Post has a compensating internal control in the form of a pre-certification review procedure performed by the Financial Specialist, the section supervisor who works under the close supervision of the FMO/MO and the excellent regional support provided by FMO Pretoria. All voucher documents are checked and marked before certification by the FMO/MO. It should also be noted that the dual role for the Accounting Technician is only limited to the isolated cases when the Voucher Examiner is absent from work.

3. GFSC's continued oversight and guidance will ensure that Mission Maseru is in compliance with 2 FAM 0020 regarding Management Controls and in preparing our report on the assurance of internal controls in the FMFIA Annual Assurance Letter for the Chief of Mission as outlined in 2 FAM 0024, and, at the same time adequately empower us to handle the increased workload demands of our growing mission.

4. Your favorable considerations are patiently anticipated. POC for this issue is MO Craig Anderson, [AndersonCA@state.gov](mailto:AndersonCA@state.gov); tel: (+266) 22 312 666 ext. 4113.

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